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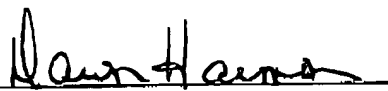
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Washington, D.C. 20231**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

Please kindly enter the following amendments.

In the claims:

For the convenience of the Examiner, all elected claims (28-33 and 54-92), whether or not amended, are presented below.

28. (Amended) A nucleic acid encoding a chimeric polypeptide comprising serum albumin protein (SA) having a biologically active heterologous peptide sequence inserted therein, wherein the chimeric polypeptide exhibits increased biological activity relative to the heterologous peptide sequence itself

29. (Amended) A delivery vector comprising the nucleic acid of claim 28, 54, or 55.

30. (Reiterated) The delivery vector of claim 29, wherein said delivery vector comprises a virus or retrovirus.